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SUBJECT: US SURVEY TEAM TO KENYA

REF: NAIROBI 3513, NAIROBI 3543, NAIROBI 1570
1. IN VIEW OF HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DESIRE THAT
SURVEY TEAM ARRIVE IN KENYA AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, WE
BELIEVE TEAM'S SCHEDULE SHOULD CONTINUE TO REFLECT
ARRIVAL FOR MID-MARCH. AS NECESSARY, TEAM MEMBERS
WILL SPEND ADDITIONAL WEEK IN KENYA TO COMPLETE
THEIR STUDIES. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS COULD PERHAPS BE
USED FOR FIELD TRIPS TO AREAS OF SECURITY INTEREST
(E.G. NEP).
2. DECISION TO SEND SURVEY TEAM WAS MADE AT HIGHEST
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LEVELS OF USG AND TO CHANGE UNILATERAL EFFORT INTO
JOINT US/UK EFFORT WOULD, WE BELIEVE, ALTER SPECIFIC
UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US AND KENYAN LEADERSHIP.

3. SURVEY TEAM HAS COPY OF UK STUDY, WILL BE
BRIEFED IN LONDON BY BRITISH (DETAILS BEING ARRANGED
THROUGH UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON), AND WISHES TO

COORDINATE ITS EFFORT CLOSELY WITH BRITISH DEFENSE
ADVISOR AND HIGH COMMISSIONER. WE OF COURSE PLAN TO
CONSULT WITH UK AND OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES BEFORE
MAKING ANY HARD DECISIONS ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

WHILE WE WISH TO WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE AND IN COM-
PLETE COORDINATION WITH BRITISH, WE BELIEVE IT NECESSARY
THAT SURVEY TEAM STUDY BE SUBMITTED AS UNILATERAL US
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